

The one who
delights in God's
law is like a tree
planted by streams
of water, that
yields fruit in due
season and its leaf
does not wither.
In all things, that
one prospers.
Psalm 1:1-3



The one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree beside a stream. It remains green in the heat. It does not fear the draught. It never ceases bearing fruit.

Jeremiah 17:8

Service for the Lord's Day

May 13, 2018

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Prière

Noel Rawsthorne

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

The risen Christ is now ascended into heaven

And we are left in the world.

But Jesus prays for us.

Jesus prays for us to be one, as he and the Father are one. He prays that his joy may be our joy. He prays for us to be victorious over evil. He prays for us to continue in his saving work, always representing him in our lives.

We are immersed in the love of God and Christ.

And made holy by his word of truth.

Based on John 17:1-26, Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus prays for his disciples, as he prepares to ascend to the Father in heaven.

This tune,
KREMSER, will
make you think of
Thanksgiving. Sing
this hymn thankfully,
boldly and gladly!

Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Great God, hear our dismay! We have heard the truth of the Bible, but we do not follow in the way. God offers us blessing, but we hold back. Jesus wants us to be one with him, but we resist.

Wrap us in your power still. Forgive us, so that we may worship you faithfully. Fill us again with your truth, so that our hope and joy may be complete, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Silence is kept for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

By words and gesture, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psalmery Reading

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly : **nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken his seat amongst the scornful.**

But whose delight is in the law of the Lord : **and on that law will ponder day and night.**

That one is like a tree planted beside streams of water : **that yields its fruit in due season.**

Its leaves also shall not wither : **and look, whatever is done shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : **they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.**

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgment : **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous : **but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

Anthem

Every Generation

Carson P. Cooman

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

The Message is a lively paraphrase

Jesus said, "I spelled out your character in detail to the men and women you gave me.

They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me, and they have now done what you said. They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that everything you gave me is firsthand from you, for the message you gave me, I gave them; and they took it, and were convinced that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, and my life is on display in them. For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to you.

Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind. As long as I was with them, I guarded them in the pursuit of the life you gave through me; I even posted a night watch. And not one of them got away, except for the rebel bent on destruction (the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

(cont.)

Since this Psalm is the first psalm in the Book of Psalms, it is likely that it is a kind of summary of the message of the whole book. Those who seek the wisdom and truth of God are blessed, but not so the ungodly.

Jesus prays for his disciples. He prays for their union with him and with God. He prays for them to have complete joy. He prays for their victory over evil, and for their part in continuing his mission/ministry.

Now I'm returning to you. I'm saying these things in the world's hearing so my people can experience my joy completed in them. I gave them your word; the godless world hated them because of it, because they didn't join the world's ways, just as I didn't join the world's ways. I'm not asking that you take them out of the world but that you guard them from the Evil One. They are no more defined by the world than I am defined by the world. Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; your word is consecrating truth. In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. I'm consecrating myself for their sakes so they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission."

All Sit

Sermon

Like a Tree Beside Water

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 457

How Happy Are the Saints of God

WAREHAM

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(I Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:9; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Offertory

Air Tendre

Jean Baptiste de Lully

All Stand

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

Benediction

Postlude

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Heinrich Fleischer

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

The Buck in a
Basket offering
for May will
support our
May 20 Pentecost
butterfly release.

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Our church Elders: Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.

Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyché, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

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Calendar

Sunday, May 13

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 14

11:30 a.m. Circle 9

Tuesday, May 15

11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chairs of Session
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 17

4:30 p.m. Comm. Ed. Canning Class

Friday, May 18

6:00 p.m. Gordoneers

Announcements

USHERS: The Thomison and Polen families
SANCTUARY COMMITTEE: Lee and Peggy Truman
LAY READER: Mike Ballard
MEDIA PERSONNEL: Stuart Kernohan & Matt Hunt
NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley & Kimberly Watkins
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LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 20: Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Preschoolers heard the story of Paul and Silas. Elementary students in Godly Play talked about Christian Symbols. Youth continue to learn about God's grace and work on mission projects.

THERE WILL BE AN ELDER WAITING BY THE PIANO after the worship service. The elder wants to hear from you. The Session wants there to be an exchange of ideas. An elder is available for conversations on any subject all week if you wish to call. The Elder today is Pam Bratcher.

THIS WEEK: THE DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Judy Whitson. Deacons assist the Pastors in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

YOUTH GROUP END-OF-YEAR POOL PARTY is next Sunday May 20 6:00pm-8:00pm at the home of Larry Warden (1310 Chestnut Street). Families are invited! Please bring a vegetable side dish or salad. Drinks, burgers/dogs and desserts provided. Wear or bring your bathing suit as well. Please RSVP to Leslee by Thursday May 17.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will continue on its present schedule through June 24. From July 1 through August 12 we will gather in intergenerational Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. Each week we will serve breakfast (sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-summer1>) and learn and practice hospitality. More details to come!

COMING UP SOON:

PENTECOST BUTTERFLY RELEASE is next Sunday immediately following worship. We'll go outside through the Narthex and the children and youth will give you a butterfly envelope. Once we're all assembled, we'll release our butterflies. And we can enjoy Cookies and Lemonade as well. Join us for this celebration of the Holy Spirit and our new life in Christ!

ON PENTECOST - MAY 20 - we will collect the Pentecost Offering. There will be envelopes in the bulletins. You may give at any time - simply make your check to TPC with Pentecost Offering in the memo. This is one of four special offerings for the PC(U.S.A.) and 40% stays with our church to benefit programs for children and youth at risk. Your generosity is much appreciated!

GORDONEERS MEETS THIS FRIDAY MAY 18 6:00pm at Gerard's on the Square. RSVP NEEDED - please contact the office by NOON on May 17.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! June 10-13 at Christ Episcopal Church. **REGISTER NOW** -visit <http://www.cecbg.com/form.php?pageID=133>. Children who will be 3 by July 31 through rising 5th graders are eligible. We also need youth and adult volunteers – visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-clean> to sign up. (Both links are on our website and Facebook page)

THE PW SPRING LUNCHEON is planned for Wednesday, May 23rd at 12:00pm. Plan on attending!! (\$10/person) We will gather at Jerry Baker's home for a Heavenly Ham boxed lunch and the installation of our new officers. Elizabeth Downing will be our guest and she is looking forward to showing our group the Downing Exhibit at the Baker Arboretum! Please make reservations by contacting Donna Meredith at 270-791-9888 or donnawmeredith53@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS:

MANY MANY THANKS to all who helped make our Taco Bar a great time of fellowship and delicious food! Our youth appreciate all the support from our congregation.

THE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE is in need of some help. Longtime, devoted members Bob Bueker and Charles Reid are wrapping up their time on the committee, so we are in need of volunteers to take on monthly assignments to help prepare the Sanctuary and pew racks for worship before the weekends. Please contact Rob Hale (rchale@gmail.com) or Tom Moody if you can help.

HEARTS AND HANDS TOGETHER Our PLC 2's class is coming along, but still needs some additional funding for purchasing learning materials - toys, games, dolls, etc. Our Hearts and Hands display is outside the office. If you are able, please consider choosing a heart or hand (or both), make a check to TPC, memo 2 year PLC, and help us finish up strong. We will soon have an 'open house' for you to see the complete transformation of the room!

ART EXHIBIT Our current exhibit features the Pushin Building Artist Studio artists. Exhibiting in this show are Angie Alexieff, Myra Dwyer, Emily Hendricksen, Cindy Houston, Jack LeSieur, Laura McGee, Fleur Whitaker, and Terry Wilson.